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sometimes, the best lesson learned in life is that in giving, one truly receives. The students of the WVU chapter of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists—Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists (SSHP) learned this when they attended the 2011 ASHP Midyear Meeting in New Orleans.

The students raised funds for a contribution to the Tipitina’s Foundation — a foundation started in 2003 with the mission to support and preserve the musical community and culture of Louisiana and New Orleans. What started with the simple idea of making a contribution turned into a life-changing experience for the ASHP officers and members.

SSHP officers Kristin Showen, Melissa Public, and Sarah Bowen, along with SSHP member Rachel Mitchell attended a “Sunday Youth Music Workshop” where children have the opportunity to learn from the best musicians in New Orleans. From the moment they entered the door, the students knew they were going to experience something that would change their lives for the better.

“The music and culture of New Orleans is so rich,” Public said. “Even when you are just walking down the street, you hear this great music and you see and smell this wonderful food. When we were able to sit in on this music session and actually see well-known musicians taking the time to pass on this musical culture to the kids that were there, it was just so nice to see and experience.”

The Sunday Workshops and the “Instruments a Comin” program through the Foundation help children who might not have the economic means to purchase musical instruments or lessons. Instruments a Comin’ seeks to increase youth participation in school music programs by donating instruments to New Orleans area schools. Sunday Youth Music Workshops offer young musicians from all walks of life the opportunity to bring their instruments to Tipitina’s to participate in free hands-on workshops with renowned professional musicians. The programs also provide children with a safe environment in which to learn and grow.

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Ph.D. student Ami Vyas traveled to Berlin this November to present research at the International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 15th Annual European Congress.

Vyas was a recipient of a 2012 ISPOR Student Travel Grant — an award presented to only 10 students worldwide. The award funded travel, lodging, and meals during her stay at the conference. Vyas also received complimentary registration and was able to attend courses during the conference.

Vyas is a student in the Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences program where her focus of study is the Health Outcomes Research pathway. The Health Outcomes Research pathway focuses on the results of health care treatments as they relate to the improvement of patient care and quality of life, decreasing morbidity and mortality, health policy research, and cost effectiveness of treatments.

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“I was glad that I was selected for the travel award. I feel proud about presenting my research work and representing WVU and the WVU ISPOR chapter at an international level,” Vyas said. “The conference gave me an opportunity to attend short courses and plenary sessions and thereby learn newer concepts in the field of Health Outcomes Research.”
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“The students who participate in this program are some of the brightest future scientists in the State of West Virginia,” said Robert Griffith, Ph.D., associate professor in the WVU School of Pharmacy Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences and faculty research development coordinator of the WV-INBRE program. “WV-INBRE provides these students an opportunity to participate in real biomedical research in modern laboratories with equipment and instruments that are not available to them at their home institutions.”

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“This summer’s undergraduate research program is just one aspect of WV-INBRE,” Griffith said. “The grant brings three million dollars a year into West Virginia to support important core facilities at Marshall and WVU, and to directly support biomedical research at several of the primarily undergraduate institutions in the state. It is certainly an outstanding example of cooperation and collaboration between WVU and Marshall to the benefit of all West Virginians.”

“I commend the WV-INBRE team for their work in making the summer program available to our future scientists and researchers, as well as fellow researchers at other institutions,” said Christopher Colenda, M.D., M.P.H, WVU chancellor for health sciences. “We encourage students to pursue their aspirations in the fields of math, science, technology, and research, and the summer program is a great outlet where they can develop their skills under the mentorship of experienced researchers.”
NIH Grant Provides Opportunity for Research Expansion

By Chloe Detrick, Public Relations Intern

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The School of Pharmacy will benefit from this award to the HSC to improve and develop the areas of clinical and translational research by utilizing the infrastructure to recruit and retain new clinical and translational scientists in all three departments and increasing the research productivity of the School. The School plans to hire three clinical and translational researchers over the course of the next five years.

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Rachel (Fichtner) Samples, ’05, and her husband, Michael, are proud to present their Future Pharmacists, Anabelle and Lily.

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“We hope that this program will become a tradition that will be carried on with future classes,” said Mallow. “We know the cost of an education is going to keep rising. This is our way of helping future students and hopefully our class will be remembered as the Class that gave back.”

To kick things off, each member of the Class of 2014 received and decorated a piggy bank to collect spare change throughout the year. The Class goal is to reach the minimum endowment level of $25,000 within a five year period and create an endowed scholarship that will be awarded annually to a deserving student. Sarah and her team have invited their classmates, faculty, staff, individuals, corporations, and members of the pharmacy community to help them achieve their goal. The total amount collected will be announced at the Scholarships and Awards Convocation to be held April 19, 2013. Following graduation, each member of the class will be asked to make a three-year pledge to continue donating to the CENtennial Class Scholarship Fund.

Through this project, students will develop an understanding of the important role private financial support plays at the School as well as an appreciation for how philanthropic endeavors can enrich their own personal lives while ensuring that future student pharmacists have the opportunity to follow their dreams of becoming a pharmacist.

“The CENtennial Class Scholarship Fund is a wonderful project the students started,” Dean Patricia Chase said. “Not only will this Fund represent their Class Gift to the School, but it will also introduce our student pharmacists to the tradition of philanthropy. Even by starting with something small like collecting the change they get throughout the day, our students will be able to make a lasting impact for students in years to come.”

To make a contribution to the CENtennial Class Scholarship Fund, please make checks payable to the WVU Foundation and mail to: WVU Foundation, One Waterfront Place- 7th Floor, P.O. Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507. Please include “Pharmacy CENtennial Class Scholarship Fund” in the memo line of the check.

For more information about scholarships and other giving opportunities, please contact Anna Rittenhouse, Director of Development, at 304-293-7731 or arittenhouse@hsc.wvu.edu.
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Both Joe and Karen are very excited to work with WVU preceptors, students, faculty, and staff. You can reach Karen by e-mail at klduscifamoso@hsc.wvu.edu. You can reach Joe by e-mail at jmcleod601@hsc.wvu.edu.

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